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SUBJ: MODIFICATION OF EXPORT CONTROLS ON SOYBEANS

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1. WE HAVE OBTAINED ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FROM DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DATA ON EC ORDERS OF SOYBEANS FOR SHIPMENT IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. TOTAL SEPTEMBER ORDERS REGARDLESS OF DATE OF CONTRACT FOR ALL DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING UNKNOWN DESTINATIONS IS 430,000 TONS; OF THIS AMOUNT WE ESTIMATE AT LEAST 404,000 TONS INVOLVES CONTRACTS SIGNED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 13. OF THE TOTAL OF 430,000 TONS TO ALL DESTINATIONS IN SEPTEMBER, ORDERS FOR DELIVERY TO EC DESTINATIONS AMOUNT TO 262,000 TONS, OR ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF ALL ORDERS. WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE A PRECISE
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FIGURE FOR EC ORDERS FOR SEPTEMBER DELIVERY WHICH WERE

CONTRACTED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 13, THE FACT THAT THERE IS ONLY A SMALL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OVERALL PRE-JUNE 14 ORDERS AND OVERALL ORDERS REGARDLESS OF DATE ALLOWS US TO ASSUME THAT THE FIGURE OF 262,000 TONS FOR THE EC CONSISTS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY OF PRE-JUNE 14 ORDERS. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL SMALLER AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS WHICH DO NOT SPECIFY FINAL DESTINATION, 93,000 TONS, WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY INCLUDES SOME SHIPMENTS WHOSE FINAL DESTINATION WILL BE THE EC.

2. REQUEST MISSION TO INFORM COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS OF THESE FIGURES, FOLLOWING WHICH WE INTEND TO INFORM LOCAL EC REPS IN WASHINGTON. WHEN INFORMING COMMISSION MISSION SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT GLOBAL FIGURES OF 430,000 AND 404,000 TONS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC (ALTHOUGH PROBABLY WOULD BE FURNISHED IF SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED). MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, FIGURE ON EC SHIPMENTS IS HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND SHOULD NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE MADE KNOWN PUBLICLY OR TO SOURCES IN THE TRADE. ROGERS

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